

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF OCTOBER 7TH, 1936.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board of Public Works, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on Wednesday, October 7th, 1936.

Present:

Harry W. Nice, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

State Tax Rate

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The Board took up the question of the levy of $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ on each \$100.00 of assessable property under Section 9 of Chapter 91 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1935, this loan being serviced from receipts from inheritance taxes, but the law providing a levy on real and personal property in the event receipts from inheritance taxes were not sufficient. The Board discussed this matter, and after having satisfied itself that it would not be necessary to levy the $1\frac{1}{2}\%$ provided, duly passed the following resolution -

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, under Section 9 of Chapter 91 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1935, provision is made for the levy of State Taxes for the year 1937, at one and one-half ($1\frac{1}{2}\%$) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessable property, to meet the interest on the outstanding certificates of the Emergency Bond Issue of 1935, and also to meet and redeem so much of the principal as may be redeemable in said year, unless, before January 1st, 1937, the Board of Public Works shall ascertain as a fact that all payments of principal and interest have been met during the current year, and that the reserve fund provided for in Section 8 of said Act is unimpaired; and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller has presented to the Board a statement showing that there was on hand in the State Treasury at September 30th, 1936 the Reserve Fund of \$500,000.00 required by Chapter 91 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1935 after making provision for paying all interest due on the Emergency Bond Issue of 1935 in the calendar year 1936, and the Comptroller further estimates that the receipts in the State's fiscal year beginning October 1st, 1936 from Collateral Inheritance Tax and Direct Inheritance Tax will be \$1,250,000, and further advises the Board that the requirements for interest in the calendar year 1937 on the Emergency Bond Issue of 1935 will be \$210,000 (with no maturities of the loan occurring in that year;) and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Public Works does hereby find as a fact that all payments of principal and interest upon said certificates have been provided during the current year, and that the Reserve Fund provided for in Section 8 of said Act is unimpaired; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Governor of Maryland be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to publicly declare by proclamation that the State Taxes provided for in Section 9 of said Act shall not be collected or levied for the year 1937.

The following letter dated October 3, 1936, from the State Department of Health, was read and considered-

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

October 3rd, 1936.

His Excellency
Harry W. Nice,
Governor of Maryland,
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Governor Nice:

It will be very much appreciated if you will present to the State Board of Public Works the following request.

It is desired to increase the salary of Miss Margaret C. Wohlgemuth, public health nurse in Anne Arundel County by \$300.00 per year. Miss Wohlgemuth's present salary is \$1920.00 per year. The department is developing in Anne Arundel County a training station for public health nurses and health officers. Two additional public health nurses will be employed and there will be a number of trainees under instruction. Miss Wohlgemuth has been in the employ of the Department for many years and has rendered very efficient and satisfactory service. We desire to place her in charge of the other public health nurses and also in charge of the instruction of trainee nurses. For these additional duties we feel that she should be compensated at the rate of \$300.00 per year. The cost of maintaining the training station will be met in part by the United States Public Health Service with funds from the Social Security Act and the increase in the salary of the chief nurse will also come from that source.

It is hoped that the Board of Public Works will approve this salary increase.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Walter N. Kirkman,
Chief, Division of
Personnel and Accounts.

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The Board approved the request as outlined above.

The following letter dated October 5th, addressed to the Board of Public Works by Mr. Walter N. Kirkman, Secretary of the State Department of Health, was read and considered -

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

October 5, 1936.

Board of Public Works,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

At the last meeting of the State Board of Health held on Thursday, September 17th, 1936, Dr. William G. Jack, member of the Board of Managers of the Eastern Shore State Hospital, and Dr. George H. Preston, Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, appeared before the Board.

Dr. Jack described the overcrowded condition at the Hospital and the State Board of Health recommends to the Board of Public Works that the new addition at the Eastern Shore State Hospital be opened as soon as possible and sufficient appropriation be made available to operate that building.

Yours very truly

/s/ Walter N. Kirkman,

Secretary.

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The Board took no action at this time because of the matter already having been the subject of considerable discussion at previous meetings of the Board.

*Dept. of
Tidewater Fisheries*

The following letter dated September 17th, 1936, from the Conservation Commission, was read and considered -

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

September 17, 1936.

Mr. Joseph O. McCusker, Secretary,
Board of Public Works,
Comptroller's Office,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:

10-7-36

Under the recommendations made to this Commission by Captain Creighton, Commander of the State Fishery Force, that the boat Folly is in a terrible condition and cannot be operated further unless we have installed a lighting system at a cost of \$105.00, he therefore recommended that the Commission dispose of this antiquated boat at once, so we are making application to the Board of Public Works to give us the authority to sell the boat at the best price obtainable.

Would you be kind enough to bring it to the attention of the Board at its next meeting, by so doing you will greatly oblige,

Very truly yours,

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

By Dr. J. Herbert Wade /s/
Secretary.

The Board approved the request of the Conservation Commission that it be permitted to sell the boat as outlined in the letter.

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The Board took up the question of compensation to Attorneys in the Milk Control Commission case.

It was the recommendation of Colonel Miller, Chairman of the Commission, and other members of the Commission that Senator David G. McIntosh, Jr., be reimbursed to the extent of \$500.00 for services rendered by him and that Charles B. Page be reimbursed in the amount of \$2,000.00 for services rendered by him.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Milk Control Commission.

The Treasurer reported having purchased \$20,000.00 U.S. Treasury 2 3/4% Bonds due 1959-1956, at a cost of \$20,234.03, for account of the University of Maryland Land Grant Fund.

The Board approved the action of the Treasurer in this matter.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Secretary.